

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

June 15, 1977

MEMORANDUM FOR THE HEADS OF
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES

FROM: Greg Schneiders *GS*.
SUBJECT: The Presidential Medal of Freedom

The President has asked for recommendations of individuals deserving of The Presidential Medal of Freedom. We will be submitting a list of fifteen names to him from which he will choose approximately five.

The Medal is awarded to individuals who have "made an especially meritorious contribution to (1) the security or national interest of the United States, or (2) world peace, or (3) cultural or other significant public or private endeavors." (See Executive Order No. 11085, February 22, 1963.) This may be awarded posthumously. There will be only one degree of the Medal issued. The degree "with distinction" is being eliminated.

The award can, of course, be used to highlight certain issues such as youth, human rights, volunteerism, etc.

We would like to have your considered suggestions. The Medals are to be awarded around July 4th so we will need your suggestions by Monday, June 20.

Attached is a list of all previous recipients.

White House

THE MEDAL OF FREEDOM

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Presented by
President Truman

CHARMAN, William H.	1/26/46
HOWE, George L.	2/18/46
JACKSON, Gordon Thorpe	1/26/46
MAZZARINI, Richard	2/18/46
POULLET, Pierre A., Father	1/26/46
PULESTON, Dennis	2/18/46
SUN, Chen	2/18/46
WEST, Norman H.	1/26/46
WHEELER, William M., Jr.	2/18/46

Presented by
President Eisenhower

ANDERSON, Robert B.	8/3/55
DOUGLAS, James H.	1/18/61
DULLES, John Foster	5/19/59
GALARD-TERRAUBE, Mademoiselle Genevieve de	6/29/54
GATES, Thomas S.	1/18/61
GRAY, Gordon	1/18/61
HERTER, Christian A.	1/18/61
KISTIAKOWSKY, George Bogdan	1/18/61
McELROY, Neil	12/1/59
QUARLES, Donald A.	7/9/59
STRAUSS, Lewis L.	7/14/58
VON NEUMANN, Dr. John	2/15/56
WILSON, Charles E.	10/9/57

Presented by
President Kennedy

SPAACK, Paul-Henri	2/21/61
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THE PRESIDENTIAL MEDAL OF FREEDOM

Presented by
President Johnson

ACHESON, Dean G.	9/14/64
ANDERSON, Marian	12/6/63
BLACK, Eugene R.	1/20/69
BRONK, Detlev W.	9/14/64
BUNCHE, Ralph J.	12/6/63
BUNDY, McGeorge	1/20/69
BUNKER, Ellsworth	12/6/63, 2/6/68

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CASALS, Pablo	12/6/63	
CAULFIELD, Genevieve	12/6/63	
CLIFFORD, Clark	1/20/69	
CONANT, James B.	12/6/63	
COPELAND, Aaron	9/14/64	
DeBAKEY, Dr. Michael E.	1/20/69	
deKOONING, Willem	9/14/64	
DISNEY, Walter	9/14/64	
DOBIE, J. Frank	9/14/64	
DUBINSKY, David	1/20/69	
EDWARDS, Lena F.	9/14/64	
ELIOT, Thomas Stearns	9/14/64	
ELLISON, Ralph	1/20/59	
ENDERS, John F.	12/6/63	
FONTANNE, Lynn	9/14/64	
FORD, Henry, II	1/20/69	
FRANKFURTER, Felix	12/6/63	
GARDNER, John W.	9/14/64	
HARRIMAN, W. Averell	1/20/69	
HESBURGH, Theodore M.	9/14/64	
HOLTON, Karl	12/6/63	
HOPE, Bob	1/20/69	
JOHNSON, Clarence L.	9/14/64	
KAISER, Edgar F.	1/20/69	
KAPPEL, Frederick	9/14/64	
KELLER, Helen	9/14/64	
KENNEDY, John Fitzgerald	12/6/63	(posthumously)
KIPHUTH, Robert J.	12/6/63	
KOMER, Robert W.	2/6/68	
LASKER, Mary	1/20/69	
LEHMAN, Herbert H. (Governor)	12/6/63	(posthumously)
LEWIS, John L.	9/14/64	
LIPPMANN, Walter	9/14/64	
LOCKE, Eugene Murphy	2/7/68	
LOVETT, Robert A.	12/6/63	
LUNT, Alfred	9/14/64	
McCLOY, John J.	12/6/63	
McGILL, Ralph	9/14/64	
McNAMARA, Robert S.	28/28/68	
MacDONALD, J. Clifford	12/6/63	(posthumously)
MACY, John W., Jr.	1/20/69	
MEANY, George	12/6/63	
MEIKLEJOHN, Alexander	12/6/63	
MONNET, Jean	12/6/63	
MORISON, Samuel Eliot	9/14/64	

MUMFORD, Lewis	9/14/64	
MUNOZ-MARIN, Luis	12/6/63	
MURROW, Edward R.	9/14/64	
NIEBUHR, Reinhold	9/14/64	
PECK, Gregory	1/20/69	
POPE JOHN XXIII, His Holiness	12/6/63	(Posthumously)
PRICE, Leontyne	9/14/64	
RANDALL, Clarence B.	12/6/63	
RANDOLPH, A. Philip	9/14/64	
ROCKEFELLER, Laurance S.	1/20/69	
ROSTOW, Walt Whitman	1/20/69	
RUSK, Dean	1/16/69	
SANDBURG, Carl	9/14/64	
SERKIN, Rudolf	12/6/63	
SMITH, Merriman	1/20/69	
STEICHEN, Edward	12/6/63	
STEINBECK, John	9/14/64	
TAUSSIG, Helen B.	9/14/64	
TAYLOR, George W.	12/6/63	
VANCE, Cyrus R.	1/20/69	
VAN DER ROHE, Ludwig Mies	12/6/63	
VINSON, Carl	9/14/64	
WATERMAN, Alan T.	12/6/63	
WATSON, Mark S.	12/6/63	
WATSON, Thomas J., Jr.	9/14/64	
WAUNEKA, Annie D.	12/6/63	
WEBB, James E.	12/9/68	
WHITE, E. B.	12/6/63	
WHITE, Paul Dudley	9/14/64	
WHITE, William S.	1/20/69	
WILDER, Thornton N.	12/6/63	
WILKINS, Roy	1/20/69	
WILSON, Edmund	12/6/63	
WYETH, Andrew	12/6/63	
YOUNG, Whitney M., Jr.	1/20/69	

Presented by
President Nixon

ALDRIN, Edwin E.,	8/13/69
APPOLLO 13 Mission Operations	
Team	4/18/70
ARMSTRONG, Neil A.	8/13/69
BEHRENS, Earl Charles	4/22/70
BROSIO, Manlio	9/29/71
COLLINS, Michael	8/13/69
ELLINGTON, Edward Kennedy	4/29/69
FOLLIARD, Edward T.	4/22/70
FORD, John	3/31/73
GOLDWYN, Samuel	3/27/71

HAISE, Fred Wallace., Jr.	4/18/70	
HENRY, William M.	4/22/70	(posthumously)
HOFFMAN, Paul G.	6/21/74	
HOPKINS, William J.	6/2/71	
KROCK, Arthur	4/22/70	
LAIRD, Melvin R.	3/26/74	
LAWRENCE, David	4/22/70	
LINCOLN, George Gould	4/22/70	
LOVELL, James A., J r.	4/18/70	
LOWMAN, Dr. Charles LeRoy	7/27/74	
MOLEY, Raymond	4/22/70	
ORMANDY, Eugene	1/24/70	
ROGERS, William P.	10/15/73	
ST. JOHNS, Adela Rogers	4/22/70	
SWIGERT, John Leonard, Jr.	4/13/70	
VANN, John Paul	6/16/72	(posthumously)
WALLACE, Dewitt and Lila	1/28/72	

Presented by
President Ford

ABEL, I. W.	1/10/77	
BARDEEN, John	1/10/77	
BERLIN, Irving	1/10/77	
BORLAUG, Norman	1/10/77	
BRADLEY, General Omar N.	1/10/77	
BRUCE, David K. E. (with	2/10/76	
distinction)		
BURKE, Admiral Arleigh	1/10/77	
CALDER, Alexander	1/10/77	(posthumously)
CATTON, Bruce	1/10/77	
DIMAGGIO, Joe	1/10/77	
DURANT, Ariel	1/10/77	
DURANT, Will	1/10/77	
FIEDLER, Arthur	1/10/77	
FRIENDLY, Judge Henry J.	1/10/77	
GRAHAM, Martha (with	10/14/76	
distinction)		
JOHNSON, Lady Bird	1/10/77	
KISSINGER, Henry A.	1/13/77	
MacLEISH, Archibald	1/10/77	
MICHENER, James Albert	1/10/77	
O'KEEFFE, Georgia	1/10/77	
OWENS, Jesse	8/5/76	
ROCKEFELLER, Nelson A.	1/10/77	
ROCKWELL, Norman	1/10/77	
RUBINSTEIN, Arthur (with	4/1/76	
distinction)		
RUMSFELD, Donald H.	1/19/77	
SHOUSE, Katherine Filene	1/10/77	
THOMAS, Lowell	1/10/77	
WATSON, James, D.	1/10/77	

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Remarks:

Given the terribly short deadline, I am going to impose this "requirement" on the four of you, thinking that Bernie McMahon might collect the results and pass it to the right office on Monday.

Executive Secretary